

ing the late lamented war with Spain seems to have put him on the water-wagon with both feet.

He is now one of our best little Prohibitionists and finds much pleasure in hearing himself make speeches.

A fellow who likes to hear himself talk always has an appreciative audience even if he's alone by himself.

MINERS DECIDE AGAINST A GENERAL STRIKE

Indianapolis, Ind., May 8.—The executive committee of the United Mine Workers of America today decided against a general strike of 500,000 men, which had been urged by many locals as a protest against conditions in the Colorado coal fields, where civil war has existed.

In a statement issued today, the committee declared it better for all miners outside of Colorado to remain at work in order that they may better finance the Colorado strike "for one year or ten years," but insisted that if conditions do not improve a general strike may yet be called.

The statement predicted victory for the Colorado strikers "in the not distant future." After stating that many resolutions calling for a general strike had been received and carefully considered from every angle, the statement continues:

"We have come to the conclusion that it is not the part of wisdom for the miners in the organized states to engage in a general strike at this particular time, believing we can better aid our gallant brothers in Colorado by remaining at work, thus insuring in a financial way our fullest support to the men, women and children who have so long engaged in this great industrial struggle in Colorado.

"In view of the importance of the situation in Colorado, we must be in a position properly to finance the strike in that state for one year or ten years, if need be, until the success of the miners' cause is assured,

and a general strike at this time might jeopardize our position in this respect without adding anything material to the success of the Colorado strike.

"We have reached this conclusion only after mature thought and earnest consideration of the various issues that would be involved in a general strike. It is vitally necessary that we continue to feed, clothe and shelter, for an indefinite period, the splendid men, women and children engaged in this strike, and, with proper moral and financial support from all trade unionists and liberty-loving citizens throughout the land, we are thoroughly convinced that the Colorado strike can be won in the not distant future.

"Of course, if conditions in Colorado do not improve and if we do not receive proper protection from the federal government, this policy may be changed to meet the exigencies of any new situation that the future may develop.

"We call upon our membership everywhere to hold themselves in readiness to answer any call we may make upon them. You can rest assured we are firmly resolved to carry out any move which we believe to be beneficial to the Colorado strikers, but at this particular time we are convinced that the policy we have outlined above is the wisest course for us to pursue."

New York, May 8.—Upton Sinclair, organizer of the Colorado "mourners' silent protest" in front of 26 Broadway, which sent John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to the protection of his Pocantico Hills estate, today prepared to leave for the scene of the strike atrocities.

He said he believed he could do more good there. The picketing of the Rockefeller offices will continue.

Albert Turner, who introduced a new fashion among the "mourners" who have been marching in front of the office of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., by appearing in a black shroud, today began to serve a workhouse sentence